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Forest grievances of the ryots of Dharakota.

* 1820 Q.—Mr. N. SIVA RAJ: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the ryots of Dharakota (Ganjam district) regarding their forest grievances;

(b) the reasons why the ryots or their representatives were not consulted regarding the area to be reserved and the species of wood to be prohibited;

(c) the number of prosecutions launched by the Zamindar of Dharakota or his manager as forest officer after the reservation of the Dharakota forests; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to safeguard the interests of the ryots and also to preserve their old and existing rights?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have called for a report from the Collector of Ganjam.

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay the report of the Collector on the table of the House?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The report has not yet been received. When it is received, the question of laying it on the table will be considered."

Pensions

Application of Mr. Alwarswami Nayudu for a gratuitous pension.

* 1821 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received a memorial from Mr. C. Alwarswami Nayudu, till late a computer in the Madras Survey Office, praying for gratuitous pension under Rule 381 (a) of the Civil Service Regulations;

(b) whether this gentleman had an unbroken service of 40 years in the department of which about 34 years was in superior service;

(c) whether his services were appreciated by the heads of departments all along;

(d) whether the Director twice recommended him for a pension;

(e) whether pensions are given to such other servants; and

(f) whether the Government would be pleased to give him a pension under the above provision?

A.—The Government have received a memorial from Mr. C. Alwarswami Nayudu, late computer in the Madras Survey Office, for the grant of a pension under Article 381 (a) of the Civil Service Regulations and the question is under the consideration of Government.

Land Revenue

Tiffin rooms in the Taluk office, Badagara, Malabar district.

* 1822 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there are arrangements in the Taluk office, Badagara, in Malabar, for clerks to take their tiffin and if not, how are they managing to do it now?

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A.—The Government are not aware what the tiffin arrangements are for the clerks referred to.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" With reference to the answer, will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" No, Sir. That is a matter the local officers should see to. "

Loans

Alleged recovery of the loan amount from an Adi-Dravida named Kunhi by the Tahsildar of Calicut.

*1823 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in Kovur amsam, Calicut, Malabar district, an Adi-Dravida named Kunhi was given a loan of Rs. 75, and if so, in how many instalments was he permitted to repay the loan ;

(*b*) whether the Tahsildar of Calicut has ordered the summary recovery of the whole amount, and if so, on what grounds ;

(*c*) whether the property of Kunhi was attached and sold by the Tahsildar, and if so, for what reason ; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Kunhi has submitted petitions to the Collector of Malabar to withhold the sale, and if so, whether those petitions will be placed on the table and what the Collector has done in the matter ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have not received any representation concerning the case and are unable to say whether the facts are as suggested.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" It is stated that the Government did not receive any representation. My question is whether the Collector received the representation. Will the hon. Member ask the Collector whether he received any such representation ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" If the hon. Member is very anxious, I shall do so, but I do not see what good it will do."

Submission of annual loan statements by the District Collectors.

*1824 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, under rules, the District Collectors are to submit an annual 'Loan statement' to the Board of Revenue ;

(*b*) if so, on what date is that statement due ; and

(*c*) on what dates were the statements submitted by the Collector of Malabar in the years 1924 and onwards ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1st of October following the fasli year to which the statements relate.

(*c*) The Government have not the particulars asked for.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), am I to understand that the Secretariat do not maintain such records ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" No, Sir. "